THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import licence for Penicillin-G

1924. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and number of drug manufacturing units in the country in whose favour Government have issued licences for the import of Penicillin-G during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) what are the details of the import licences issued in favour of each alongwith date, quantity during the same period;

(c) foreign exchange involved in each case;

(d) details of import licences utilised by them upto 31st October, 1986 alongwith the quantity imported stock in handmaterial in pipeline and quantity consumed by each upto date; and

(e) whether any irregularities have come to the notice of Government in regard to the misuse of import licences for the import of Penicillin-G by certain drug manufacturing units in whose favour licences were issued if so, what are the details thereof and action taken or proposed to be taken against the defaulter drug units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

Drugs equalisation fund

1925. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the relevance of Drugs Equalisation Fund in the existing Drug Policy and whether this will be retained in the proposed new Drug Policy;

(b) whether it is a fact that Delhi High Court dismissed the petition challenging equalisation fund; and

(c) what are the objectives for which this fund was created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (c) Drugs Prices Equalisation Account has been constituted under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 for the purpose of increasing the production of bulk drugs or securing their equitable distribution and availability at fair prices. No decision on its retention has yet been taken.

(b) No Sir. Delhi High Court vacated the stay granted to M/s. Fulford India Ltd. against the recovery of the amount due from them under Para 7(2) of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Drugs being sold in other categories

1926. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman dated the 2nd November, 1986 captioned 'Drug Items Misclassified";

(b) if so, what are the names of the medicines which came to the notice of his Ministry being marketed under wrong categories;

(c) what was the sales turnover of each medicines during the last three years, year-wise and how much was charged extra from consumer on each medicine;

(d) whether any action under Essential Commodity Act was taken against any company; and